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DFAS prepares for A-76 competition

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) currently pays 2.5 million military retirees and their annuitants, with a monthly payroll totaling over \$2.6 billion. Initiated by the DFAS will be soliciting proposals from service providers to do this work, using the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular A-76 guidelines. The OMB guidelines have a two-step process that first involves selecting a service provider that offers the best value. The selected service provider then competes against the DFAS most efficient organization

Currently 650 employees provide retiree and annuity payments. The DFAS-Denver site handles annuity pay and DFAS-Cleveland provides retiree pay.

"We hope there will be a strong response from the private sector in this competition," said Thomas R. Bloom, DFAS Director. "We have worked hard to ensure that private industry and government have a level playing field on which to compete for this work and we want to give our customers the best service for their tax dollars," he added.

A Request for Proposal was released on September 11, 2000. Proposals will be due by December 4, 2000 with a final decision expected by March 2001. Copies will be available on the DFAS web site, www.dfas.mil/aso. Questions may be sent to: John Ziu, DFAS Acquisition Support Organization, Crystal Mall 3, 1931 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22240-5291, e-mail john.ziu@dfas.mil.

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